



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## MAY 21, 2012 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, May 21, 2012 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of May 14, 2012. Combs, Corman and Brown present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Combs announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Combs approved the agenda and the May 14, 2012 minutes as submitted. Also present for the meeting is Chuck Mittan of the Superior Express.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give an update on the current activities of the County Road Department. Warren noted that Project C-65(638), ½ mile south of Hardy in Section 31, T1N-R5W, should be complete today. They will be moving to Project C65 (671), County Road 4300 in Section 31, T1N-R5W. Warren is having 4 road employees working on county road signs this week and then others will be constructing headwalls for tubes in the Nelson shop. Warren gave the board an update on the accident involving a county road department pup-trailer in Kansas. Warren is having an employee mowing county road ditches to get ready for the memorial weekend. The County will be working in conjunction with the City of Superior on project C65 (675), 1 mile west of Superior on road 3400. They will be starting the armor coating project on May 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. The Commissioners discussed the current budgeted expenditures with Warren and Buescher. Warren discussed the coordinated effort between Nuckolls County and Clay County on County Project C65 (678), on the North side of Section 6, T4N-R8W (Victor Precinct), Road AA between 2500 & 2600. The projected start date will be sometime this fall.

Clerk Kassebaum informed the Road Department and the Commissioners that she received notice from NEMA that FEMA Disaster 1674 is now closed. All funds have been paid and all documents have been reviewed. Nuckolls County received disaster funds from the Severe Winter Storm Disaster from December 19, 2006 to January 1, 2007.

**A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Combs to approve the request from Windstream Nebraska, Inc. to install communications facilities between Section 32, T3N-R5W and Section 5, T2N-R5W, near Ruskin. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to accept the County Sheriff's April 2012 Monthly Board Report as submitted. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

The Board requested to have Royce Gonzales present to discuss the Budget Making Authority. Clerk Kassebaum has requested to not be on the Budget Making Authority this year. Treasurer Ensign has requested to continue being on the Budget Making Authority. Ensign is not present for the discussion. The Board asked if Gonzales would be interested in being on the Budget Making Authority. Gonzales is definitely interested. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to hire Vicki Ensign and Royce Gonzales to be the Budget Making Authority for the fiscal year 2012/2013. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Tim Stutzman, Emergency Manager and Noxious Weed Superintendent met with the Board to give an update on the current activities of both departments. Stutzman gave an update on the storm on Saturday, May 19, 2012 in Nuckolls County. It seems the communities of Hardy and Deweese saw some storm damage. Discussion held



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regarding some concerns why the sirens were not blown. Stutzman discussed some noxious weeds found in the southeast part of the county and along the Republican River.

A phone conference was held with Miles from Versatile Roofing regarding the repairs of the Nuckolls County Courthouse Roof. Discussion was held regarding the contract with Versatile Roofing. The contract was submitted to their attorney for review and they have not received it back at this time. The discussion was tabled until later today.

Royce Gonzales met with the Board regarding the Safety Committee report. Gonzales reported on the minutes from the January 31, 2012 Safety Committee meeting. Gonzales noted the Safety Committee has adopted the Nirma Safety Manual for Nuckolls County. It was noted the Safety Committee did not meet in March as scheduled. June 21, 2012 is scheduled for the makeup meeting. Gonzales noted they have implemented a new attendance record. Members will be tracked for attendances. Gonzales discussed other issues with the Board and the Board requested copies of the minutes for all meetings and would like reports on safety committee recommendations on all possible issues that may cause potential claims. The Board will determine what changes can be made. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to accept the January 31, 2012 Safety Committee minutes as submitted. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Tim Schmidt, County Attorney met with the Board to discuss the request from R.L. Schmeling regarding the grant application for the restoration of the Superior City Auditorium. Schmeling has requested to have Nuckolls County act as the LPA on the grant. The Board has asked Schmidt if he would be interested in acting as the LPA on behalf of Nuckolls County. Schmidt agreed. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to appoint Tim Schmidt as LPA on behalf of Nuckolls County, NE in the Grant being applied for by Superior Historic Redevelopment Corporation for the restoration of the Superior City Auditorium. All funds received will be funneled through Nuckolls County. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Diane Fowler, Executive Director of Midland Area Agency on Aging, Jolanda Bouray, Nuckolls County agent met with the Board. Diane Fowler introduced Gerald Gerdes as the new Executive Director of Midland Area Agency on Aging, effective May 1, 2012 as Fowler will be retiring. Fowler discussed the request of \$8,953.00 for support of the Midland Area Agency on Aging for fiscal year 2012/2013. Fowler noted this is an increase of \$47.00 from last fiscal year. The change is from the membership renewal fess of \$1.00 per person in Nuckolls County over age 60. The fees last year were \$0.95 per person. Also they are based on the U.S. Census Bureau's report for the 2010 census for Nuckolls County. The remaining amount of \$7475.00 is for program support and it is the same as last year. Nuckolls County has a Midland Area Agency on Aging location in Superior. This fee helps to support that location. Corman noted that Nuckolls County is very fortunate to have a location in Superior. It services Nuckolls County elderly with transportation, home delivered meals and other services. Fowler noted a change in the age group of over age 60 has changed in Nuckolls County. In 200 the group population was 1507 and now it is 1478 for 2010. Bouray reported the new handicap van which was purchased in November 2011 through Department of Revenue federal funds received over the years for reimbursed, eligible fuel tax fees. **A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Combs to approve the 2012/2013 fiscal year budget request of \$8,953.00 to Midland Area Agency on Aging. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Chairman Combs recessed at 10:55 a.m. for Board of Equalization. Chairman Combs reconvened at 11:35 a.m. for regular session.

The following salary claims were approved:



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General Fund Salaries:	\$56,585.09
Road Fund Salaries:	\$40,971.54
Civil Defense Fund Salary:	\$ 2,290.00
911 Emergency Fund Salary:	\$ 400.00

A phone conversation was held with Miles for Versatile Roofing regarding the contract between Nuckolls County and Versatile Roofing for the repairs to the Nuckolls County Courthouse Roof which was tabled from earlier in the morning. County Attorney, Timothy Schmidt is present for Legal advice. Miles will email a copy of the contract which is signed by him and will mail the original to the county. **A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the contract between Nuckolls County and Versatile Roofing, LLC subject to County Attorney's approval. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 1:19 p.m. until Monday, June 4, 2012.

Michael D. Combs, Chairman  
By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk